

Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 10, 2011

Members present: Al Dupell, Larry Bills, Chris Liller, and Kevin Robinson; Road Foreman – Ralph Staib; Clerk – Kent Young; resident – Ruth Romano.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Selectmen's Orders were reviewed and signed.

Town Payphone: Ruth Roman was present to discuss her problem with motorists who get stuck on Stratton-Arlington Rd. and stop to use her phone as they walk out. She feels unsafe and thinks that a payphone in the Town Office parking lot would be a good thing so that she could direct them there instead. Al Dupell said that payphones were becoming obsolete and the phone company would not install a new one, as he understands it. He recommended that she call the State Police whenever she feels uncomfortable about visitors and perhaps tell them through the door that the police are on the way. Chris Liller also stated that he had installed a new sign last week further warning drivers to ignore their GPSs and turn around. Stuart Coleman, who tows many vehicles that have gotten stuck on this road, had also asked for some resolution by the Town, and so the new sign was installed. At this time, Ruth Romano left the meeting.

Budget Meeting: The Selectmen deliberated on the 2011/12 budget. The last figures will be determined prior to the next meeting and will be ready for the Town Report.

Appropriations: The Selectmen agreed to add VT Trails and Greenways Council request for \$35.00 to Appropriations in the 2011 Town Meeting Warning. The Selectmen reconsidered their decision at last meeting to add the Betty Boop Bus request for \$1500.00 and asked the clerk to provide them with additional information concerning this business before the Warning is approved at the 1/24/11 selectmen's meeting.

Town Garage Project: Chris Liller moved to authorize Al Dupell, as Select Board Chairman, to sign Town and State Permit applications associated with the Town Garage Project, and also to approve Mark McManus, architect, and Chris Heins of Woodland Services to act as agents for the town in regard to this project. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred.

Road Crew issues: Penny Avenue.: The Selectmen reviewed a bill for work on Penny Ave. Bridge plans. The Clerk said that he had received a call from VTrans last week and that the headwalls need to be widened and that they would like to expedite getting the required easements for us. They will send along a cost-sharing agreement in the near future. Hopefully, they will be able to install the bridge this summer. The Clerk also stated that there will likely be a petition to add an article to Town Meeting to get a voted opinion on whether Penny Ave. should remain open during winter months. Al Dupell thinks it is a bad idea and said the road will need a lot of work before that is feasible. He said that ultimately the Selectmen have the final say on the matter. **Cert. Of Highway Mileage:** The Selectmen reviewed and all signed that there is no change to the Highway mileage. The Clerk noted that the map needed to be corrected to show the correct path of Willis Cemetery Rd. He will forward the correction along with the certification to VTrans. **Town Garage Break-in:** Ralph Staib detailed the break-in at the Town

Garage. Four chainsaws and some power tools were stolen. The State Police are investigating. This is the second break-in in about a year. The Selectmen considered additional steps to be taken in the future to prevent it happening again. **Stratton Mountain Access Rd.:** A portion of this road, in front of Treetops, needs to be bomagged in the near future. The Road Foreman will coordinate with Stratton Corp., as this is an ongoing problem with the roadwork they had done there. The work was done incorrectly and has caused the current problem with the road. This section will also have to be repaved in the summer.

Rec. Area: Chris Liller moved to approve the use of the Rec. Area for Winter Sports by the Wardsboro School. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Town Hall Use: Larry Bills moved to allow the Town Hall to be used by the Wardsboro Snowmobile Club on January 15, 2011 and Dan Gilbeau on January 29, 2011. Chris Liller seconded – all concurred.

Minutes: Larry Bills moved to approve the minutes of December 27, 2010. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Adjourn: Chris Liller motioned to adjourn. Kevin Robinson seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young
Town Clerk